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*** IMPORTANT NOTE FROM EDITOR: On January 11th, the server that I have been using since the late 80's, HAMNET.org, was hacked and wiped. The OPDX Mailing List (as well as others), my E-mails and automatic feeds were lost. My E-mail address is now no more.
PLEASE, only send to or . The OPDX Mailing List is now in LIMBO, and I was told that the server HAMNET.org is probably gone for good. So PLEASE pass the word around about the OPDX Mailing List. The only way to obtain the OPDX Bulletins is via the OPDX Web page (provided by John, K8YSE) , QRZ.com (under Forums; News; Special Events, Contests.. etc.), several DX Mailing Lists, and three different UseNet Groups (rec.radio.info, rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx). The weekly bulletin (issue #) is also posted (from the OPDX Web page URL) on FaceBook and Twitter
.
I know this is going to be a big disappointment for the subscribers as well as it has been for me, but after almost 29 years I am considering to possibly retire from writing the bulletin. I will take some time to think about it in the next few weeks, and possibly try to find a new host for the mailing list..... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th/January, through Sunday, 13th/January there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3,

C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XZ, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3A, MONACO. Philippe, EA4NF, will be active as 3A/EA4NF from Monaco between February 15-18th. Priority will be given to FM and SSB Satellites to get confirmed as much as possible this rare DXCC country to the amateur radio satellite community. HF activity will be on 20 meters SSB, but on the QRP mode (5w). QSL via LoTW.

3G, CHILE. Jorge, CE3YP, will be using the special callsign 3G3G from Santiago until December 31st. His activity will be on 80-6 meters using the FT8 mode only. QSL only via LoTW.

3V, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY), will be active as 3V8SF from the Scout Radio Club of Sfax city club station during the CQWW 160M CW Contest (January 25-27th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via LX1NO or LoTW. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at:
http://www.kf5eyy.info

3W, VIETNAM. Jean-Pierre, F6CTF, will be active as 3W9JF from two different locations in Vietnam between February 19th and April 6th. His schedule is as follows:

February 19th-March 6th -- From Phu Quoc Island (AS-128)
March 16th-April 6th -- From Hoi An

Activity will be on 80/40/20/17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via direct or eQSL.

3Y0I BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS. On January 11th, the 3Y0I team posted another update with a chart explaining "Bouvet's Weather" and disputing the claims that "the weather window has closed" on the Rebel DX Group Web site at: https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/bouvet-weather

No other details to report. Departure dates are still not known. It is still a mystery...

Remember, it takes 12 days to get to Bouvet from South Africa, and they plan to stay on the island for at least 2 weeks, if the weather cooperates. The 3Y0I DXpedition's band plan frequencies (160-6m) and modes (CW/SSB/FT8) can be found at: https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
https://bouvetoya.org/3yoi-bandplan

QSL via ClubLog's OQRS (preferred), LoTW or via 3Z9DX. For more details and updates, we suggest to watch the following Web pages:

https://bouvetoya.org
https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
http://jouban.jp/3y0i_ja (For JA stations)
https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org
https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup
https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg

6Y, JAMAICA. DX-World.net reports that Neil, G0RNU, will be active as 6Y/G0RNU from the QTH of 6Y5NZ at St. Mary, Jamaica, sometime between February 12-26th. He plans to be active on most days, but his activity will depend on propagation and other activities. Look for more details on his operations/activities on his QRZ.com page.

8P, BARBADOS (Reminder). Willy, KB8YRX, will be active as 8P9CA from Barbados (NA-021) between January 16th and February 4th. Activity will be on 20-10 meters using SSB. QSL via KB8YRX and LoTW.

9X, RWANDA (Reminder). Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as 9X2AW from Kigali between January 18th and February 14th. He is currently preparing his 160m antenna and will build a Hexbeam with Bamboo Sticks for working on 20/17/15/12/10 meters using mainly Digital modes (FT8, PSK31, JT65 and RTTY), CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

DAY-XENIA NEWS (SWODXA DX DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT). A Press Release dated January 8th, was sent out by Mindi Jones, KC8CKW [edited] -- The South-West Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is pleased to announce that we will again sponsor the DX Dinner, held in conjunction with the 2019 Dayton Hamvention. This, our 34th annual dinner, will be on Friday, May 17th, 2019, at the Dayton Marriott, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409.

We will have another fantastic array of great prizes at the Dinner and the Forum!

There will be a cash bar starting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00. Following the event, there will be a separate room and cash bar available for more fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new hams and to renew old acquaintances as well as to learn about past DXpeditions and those in the planning stages.

The Marriott is very accommodating to a group our size. The dining room is on the ground floor so there are no steps, the dining room is very large, and there is ample free, on-site parking.

This dinner is always well attended by some of the most avid DXers in the world. The 2018 dinner had over 400 attendees! As in the past, there will be some major door prizes, and there is always great anticipation as to who will be named the "DXpedition of the Year". Additionally, the Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF) will present the "IOTA DX-Peditioner of the Year" award during the dinner.

Tickets can be purchased on the SWODXA Events website at:
https://swodxaevents.org/purchase-tickets

Program details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available and updates will be sent out regularly via Twitter.

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FG, GUADELOUPE. Herve, F5HRY, will once again be active as FG/F5HRY from Guadeloupe (NA-102) starting January 18th. Activity is on various HF bands

using CW (SSB on request) with sporadic operations in the REF HF CW Contest. QSL via his home callsign.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Operators Gildas/F6HMQ and Michel/F6GWV will once again be active as FG/F6HMQ and FG/F6GWV from Guadeloupe between February 22nd and March 10th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using "light equipment". They will also be in the ARRL Inter. DX SSB Contest (March 2-3rd) using the callsign TO3Z. QSL via F6HMQ. QSL FG/F6GWV and Gildas FG/F6HMQ via their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

FM, MARTINIQUE (NA-107). Laurent, FM5BH, will be active during the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 25-27th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Reminder). Gerhard, OE3GEA, will be active as HC8GET from three of the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) between January 13-25th. Activity will be from Santa Cruz, Isabela and San Cristobal Islands. Operations will be on 30-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. ADDED NOTE: After his HC8 activity, look for Gerhard to be active from Guadeloupe (FG), Dominica (J7) and Martinique (FM) for approximately 6 days each.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-037. (Reminder) Members of the F6KOP Team are now active as 9LY1JM from Banana Islands, Sierra Leone, until January 21st. Operators mentioned are Frank/F4AJQ (Team Leader), Jean-Luc/F1ULQ/AK8DX (Coleader), Patrick/F2DX, Andreas/DL3GA/AB8AY, Jimi/F4DLM/AF7JJ, Jean-Baptiste/F4ERY, Frank/F5TVG, Julien/F8AVK, Herman/ON4QX/KM6CPP and Eric/ON7RN. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8. There will be 4 stations on the air: 4X Kenwood TRX-590s into VDA antenna 10 to 20m & Spiderbeam mast for low band 30 to 160m. QSL via F5GSJ, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via ClubLog or LoTW. For more details and updates (w/pictures), see: https://9l2019dx.wordpress.com

AS-153. (Reminder) Members of the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) are now active as AU2HAM from Ganga Sagar Mela Island until January 17th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via VU2NRO.

EU-112. Members of the Invoker Team are planning to activate the Shiant Isles group, Scotland, sometime in the Spring. Stay tuned for details.

NA-122. Operators Ez/HI3AA, Tino/HI3CC, Edwin/HI3K, Mike/HI3MPC, Jose/HI3SD, HI6JHV, Cafefe/HI8CAF, Elio/HI8EFS, Gerardo/HI8GP, HI8JQE, Alfredo/HI8K, Max/HI8MAX, Martin/LU9EFO and Ismael/XE1AY will be active as HI1LT from Beata Island between January 20-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via W2CCW.

SA-005. RRC operators Vasily/R7AL, Vasil/RA1ZZ, Vladimir/RK8A, Aleksei/ RL5F, Leonid/RW9JZ and Marco/CE1TBN will be active as XR0ZRC from Robinson Crusoe Island (WW Loc. FF06oi), in the Juan Fernandez Islands (CE0Z) group, between March 11-27th. The DX-pedition Pilot will be Victor, UA3AKO. Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via R7AL, direct, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and update, see: https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/xr0zrc

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin......

JD1, OGASAWARA. Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between February 15-17th. Activity will be on 630-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (NO 6m EME). He states that he will be active on the "630m Band" using mainly the JT9 mode. QSL via his home callsign JI5RPT. His log search will be available on his Web site at: http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1
He will also use Twitter to inform his real-time activities at: http://twitter.com/jd1bly

P4, ARUBA (OOOPPPSS!!). Last weeks announcement about operators Mike/K9NW, Paul/K9PG, Chad/WE9V and John/W6LD was a major TYPO using "cut and paste". Sorry, but their operation is not happening....

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 14-20th).....

Jan/14th AN	Jan/17th AN	Jan/19th AN
Jan/15th AN	Jan/18th AN	Jan/20th AN
Jan/16th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:
* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com

* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF

9LY1JM via F5GSJ (O)	EA8/DL2DXA/P via DL2DXA	OL1A via OK1CW
9M2MRS via PA0RRS & (L/C)	EA8/PA7ZEE/P via PA7ZEE	ON/PD0RWL/P via PD0RWL
DF13BUD via DL1RUN	EG1PIN via EA1URV	OT2L via ON7LU
DF13MUC via DL8UUF	EP2C via EA5GL (d/e)	P49X via W0YK (d/L)
DF13PAR via DM7MA	EX0DX via HB9DUR and LoTW	S79AA via OE6MBG (O/L)
DF13STO via DL1HZM	GB139SQN via G4NRZ	SK3W via SM5CCT
DL0HMB via DL9HCO	HF27FIN via SP2FAP	SM6M via SM6MCW
DL0LN via DC2CB	II4CAL via IQ4FE	SN5A via SP5PMF
DL19RIC via DL5ABG (O)	LZ10WCA via LZ5W	VI17AC via M0OXO (OQRS)
DL300AH via DG2FEJ & (e)	OG60IPA via OH4MDY	
DR10WCA via DF6EX	OK7W via OK1CID	

4J3DJ: Alexander Frolov, P.O. Box 38, Volgograd, 400066, Russia

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/9LY1JM
https://clublog.org/logsearch/H33J
https://clublog.org/logsearch/V84SAA

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4Z5FI, F2YT, F6FHO, FG8OJ, G3UG, HB9MOZ, KH1/KH7Z, KV4VZ, LW5DR, OH8GDU, OZ1ZD, PU2TXZ, S58N and ZF1RC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4O6AH, 8P9AE, C31CT, E44WE, FJ/F6CUK, KL7RRC/P, VE7ACN/7 and ZL7X

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

T31EU KANTON ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. The following was posted on the T31EU Web page: "Our preparations are on schedule. The team is very grateful for the great sponsoring from the ham community. The antenna material is stored in Tarawa at Chuck Corbett. The PIPA Kanton Coordinator, Tuake Teema, confirmed that our two generators were in excellent conditions and we have two drums (400 liters) fuel available on the island. All our equipment is successfully checked and the suitcases are packed. We have again a total of 250 kg Radio equipment! In four weeks our team flies from Frankfurt over Brisbane to Tarawa. After a short stay in Tarawa we will fly on Feb.

16th with a small charter plane (Beechchraft King Air 200) to Kanton. There we are guests of the village community. The team members are in a good spirit and looking optimistically forward to a successful DXpedition." For more details and updates, see: http://www.kanton2019.de

TI, COSTA RICA. Nathan, N4YDU, will be active as TI5W from Alajuela during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. Look for activity as TI5/N4YDU prior to the contest. QSL TI5/N4YDU via LoTW. QSL TI5W via W4FS and LoTW.

V2, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA. Alan, N3AD, will once again be active as V26M during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via W3HNK.

VO2, CANADA (Zone 2, Contest and Satellite Op). Operators Chris/VE3FU (VO2AC), Dave/VE9CB (VO2AAA) and Frank/VO1HP will be active from the Point Amour Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in Atlantic Canada, on the south coast of the rare Labrador (LB) [Zone 2] between January 22-29th. Their main activity will be in the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 25-27th) as a Multi-Op entry sign VO2AC. Pre-contest activity will be on 160m as they get their wire vertical array and Beverages working; if time permits they may also be active before the contest on 80m, 60m, 40m, AO-85, AO-91, and AO-92 from Grid GO11. QSL VO2AC via VE3FU (direct or by the Bureau). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. More info is available at: https://www.qrz.com/db/vo2ac

VP6 PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). The October Pitcairn Island DX-pedition team has posted key dates for their travels and operation at: https://pitcairndx.com/news-and-updates
It looks like the Pitcairn team will be on the air for 14 days possibly starting October 18th. Visit the October Pitcairn Island DXpedition Web page at: https://pitcairndx.com
Their Pitcairn Island FaceBook page is at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/580069859103416
Also, their Twitter page is at: https://twitter.com/2019Island

VP9, BERMUDA. Operators Brian/KG8CO, Frank/W8KA, Jim/KB8TXZ, Lee/N8LJ and Stan/AC8W will operate from Bermuda between March 28th and April 2nd, including an entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st). QSL via LoTW, EQSL or for paper QSL's via operators' instructions.

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (VP6D QSL Card Update). The following press release was sent out on January 12th [edited]: The VP6D QSL card designs were completed, proofs were submitted and approved for printing.

Gennady, UX5UO, printed the cards during the week of January 7th, they will be shipped to Tim, M0URX, in the UK during the week of January 14th. A separate /MM card was also designed.

Tim has already prepared the mailing labels, the envelopes are waiting to receive your cards. All confirmation requests received up to the mailing date will be included in the mailing. Confirmation requests after the first mailing will be processed on a regular basis.

We expect to place the cards in the mail system by early February. The

cards will be mailed from the United Kingdom, so please allow for mail system delays before asking for the status of your card(s). Bureau cards will be mailed to the world Bureaus quarterly, expect 6 - 12 months, or more, to receive Bureau cards.

If you already requested confirmation via OQRS or by direct mail, our system will not allow duplicate requests. For example requesting a Bureau card more than once, or requesting a Bureau card if a card was sent via Direct Mail.

We will send another update when the cards are placed into the mail system.... 73, VP6D QSL Team

XZ, MYANMAR. Akio, JE2QIZ, announced on January 11th, that he has finally received his license from Ministry Of Transprotation and Communication of Myanmar. His callsign is XZ2B and is only good for 150 days. Akio has been living in Nay Pyi Taw for almost 2 years. His Myanmar license only permits him to operate between 20-300MHz for amateur radio and the power is only 25W. He states that his antenna at the hotel is a fishing rod antenna. The cost of his Myanmar radio license depends upon the spectrum width he can use. Therefore, he can only use 20 kHz from the band edge and will only operate on CW. Akio will try to use ClubLog and is looking for a QSL Manager (if interested, contact him via his E-mail address on QRZ.com). If you need a QSL, please send a QSL to JE2QIZ with 1 IRC or 2 USDs. He does not have a QSL card yet, but he will be ordering them.

YB, INDONESIA. Yohanes, YB2DX, will be active in the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 25-27th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

YB, INDONESIA. Operators Suwarno/YB2BOB, Udi/YC2PQW and Indra/YD2XVT were active as YB2ZDO from the Grobogan club station during this past weekend's 2019 YB DX Contest. QSL via YB2ZDO direct.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Operators Dan/N6MJ, John/K6AM and Tim/N6WIN will be active as ZF1A on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-Single entry. Look for activity outside of the contest on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via K6AM, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

ZK3X TOKELAU ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Update to OPDX.1395 & OPDX.1397). Operators Rob/N7QT and Sandro/VE7NY have joined the international ZK3X team led by operators Hrane/YT1AD, Roman/UR0MC and Alex/UT5UY planned between October 1-15th. The group now has a Web page at:
https://tokelau2019.com

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME PAGE (provided by John, K8YSE):

http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

NOW ON TWITTER: https://twitter.com/kb8nw_opdx

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http://www.nodxa.org/
http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

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